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SUBJ: FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS ENDORSE ZIPA AS THE UNIFIED ARMY  
TO PROSECUTE THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN ZIMBABWE

REF: LUSAKA 2152 (NOTAL)

1. FRONT LINE PRESIDENTS--KAUNDA, NYERERE, NETO, MACHEL AND  
BOTSWANA VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE--MET FOR SIX HOURS JULY 25  
(REFTEL). DURING COURSE OF THE DAY MEETINGS WERE HELD WITH  
PATRIOTIC FRONT LEADERS NKOMO AND MUGABE, SAM NUJOMA OF SWAPO  
AND OLIVER TAMBO OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN ANC.

2. SPEAKING TO THE PRESS AT THE CLOSE OF THE SESSIONS, NYERERE,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS, SAID THAT ZIPA, THE PATRIOTIC  
FRONT'S MILITARY ARM, SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED AND SERVE AS THE  
ONLY ARMY IN THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE. ADMITTING THAT THE  
FRONTLINE HAD A PROBLEM IN ACHIEVING THE UNIFICATION OF THE  
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PATRIOTIC FRONT FIGHTING FORCES, NYERERE SAID CONSIDERABLE  
PROGRESS TOWARD THIS END HAD BEEN ACHIEVED IN THE JULY 25  
MEETING. NYERERE SAID THAT WHILE A ONE, TWO OR MULTI-PARTY  
SYSTEM WAS PERMISSIBLE, ONLY A SINGLE ARMY COULD WAGE AN EFFECTIVE  
WAR. WHILE REITERATING FRONTLINE SUPPORT FOR THE PATRIOTIC FRONT  
AND THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE, NYERERE COMMENTED THAT NEITHER THE  
FRONTLINE NOR THE OAU WOULD ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF TELLING

ZIMBABWEANS WHO THEIR POLITICAL LEADERS SHOULD BE. THIS SHOULD BE DECIDED BY ELECTIONS WHEN THE STRUGGLE HAS COME TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION.

3. NYERERE SAID DELIBERATIONS ALSO INCLUDED CONSIDERATION OF THE PROGRESS OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE IN NAMIBIA AND EVENTS TAKING PLACE IN SOUTH AFRICA, BUT HE MADE NO DETAILED COMMENTS ON THESE TOPICS.

4. MACHEL AND NYERERE DEPARTED LUSAKA JULY 25. NETO AND MASIRE ARE TO LEAVE JULY 26.

COMMENT: IF EXTERIOR INDICATIONS ARE MEANINGFUL, THE FRONTLINE PRESIDENTS HAD TOUGH SLEDDING IN TALKING UNITY TO MUGABE AND NKOMO. MUGABE AND NKOMO FOLLOWERS MET BUT IN NO WAY MINGLED AT THE AIRPORT WHEN GREETING THE ARRIVAL OF THE VISITING DIGNITARIES. FOR TWO HOURS MUGABE AND NKOMO SAT SIDE BY SIDE WAITING FOR THEIR TURN TO BE RECEIVED BY THE PRESIDENTS AND WERE OBSERVED NOT TO SAY MORE THAN TEN WORDS TO EACH OTHER. OBSERVERS ARE AGREED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE REIGNING BETWEEN THE ZANU AND ZAPU FACTIONS WAS DISTINCTLY COOL.

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